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SUBJ: GOA TO RESTRAIN TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM CERTAIN EA COUNTRIES

REF: (A) CANBERRA A-114 (NOTAL)

(B) CANBERRA 4314 (NOTAL)

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1. GOA ANNOUNCED JULY 9 IMPOSITION OF LICENSING
CONTROLS ON CERTAIN CLOTHING IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN, AS
WELL AS ITS INTENTION TO BEGIN URGENT CONSULTATIONS
WITH HONG KONG, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, PRC AND INDIA ON
CLOTHING EXPORT RESTRAINTS,*

2. ANNOUNCEMENT, MADE JOINTLY BY DEP PM AND MIN
OVERSEAS TRADE CAIRNS AND MIN FOR MANUFACTURING
ENDERBY, APPARENTLY IS RESULT OF MEETING BETWEEN
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GOA REPS AND PRESIDENT OF AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE

UNIONS HAWKE (REF A). IT WAS MADE IN ATMOSPHERE OF CONTINUING AGITATION OVER INDICATIONS EMPLOYMENT IN SEVERAL LOCAL INDUSTRIES FEELING EFFECT OF GOA COUNTER-INFLATION AND RESTRUCTURING POLICIES, AND AGAINST BACJPROP OF REOPENING OF PARLIAMENT (REF B).

3. ACCORDING TO JULY 10 PRESS, CONTROLS ON CERTAIN TAIWANESE GOODS WILL DATE FROM JULY 9, ALTHOUGH BASIS ON WHICH IMPORTERS MAY ESTABLISH QUOTAS YET TO BE ANNOUNCED. WITH RESPECT TO OTHER EXPORTING COUNTRIES AFFECTED, PROVISIONS OF GATT ARRANGEMENT ON TEXTILES APPLY AND CONSULTATIONS ACCORDINGLY BEING SOUGHT. ITEMS REPORTEDLY AFFECTED INCLUDE:

A. KNITWEAR (SHIRTS, COATS, SWEATERS, BLOUSES, DRESSES, PLAYSUITS, ETC.) FROM TAIWAN, HONG KONG, ROK, AND PRC.

B. BLOUSES, DRESSES AND SHIRTS OF WOVEN FABRIC FROM INDIA AND HONG KONG.

C. WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND INFANTS' COATS OF HU WOVEN FABRIC FROM HING KONG.

4. MOVE IS A RETREAT FROM LABOR GOA'S TARIFF REFORM POLICY AND IS DESCRIBED BY CAIRNS AS A NECESSARY "RETRACING OF STEPS" AS RESULT OF DISRUPTION TO LOCAL MARKET FROM INCREASED IMPORTS. RISE IN IMPORT FIGURES IN FACT HAS BEEN DRAMATIC. FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS FY 74 TOTAL IMPORTS OF TEXTILES AND FABRICS UP 61 PCT. ON FY 73 FIGURES SAME PERIOD, AND OF CLOTHING AND KNIT GOODS, 77 PCT. ACCORDING TO DEPT. OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FIGURES CITED IN PRESS, INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF VARIOUS SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM TAIWAN DURING COMPARABLE PERIOD MORE THAN DOUBLED.

5. COMMENT: NO U.S. EXPORTS ARE AFFECTED BY YESTERDAY'S ACTION. WE ARE OBTAINING AND WILL POUCH COPY OF TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT. GREEN

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